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It is stated by a Japanese contemporary that over 300,000 decorations and rewards have been granted in Japan for services rendered during the war.

Rev. Alfred Huff will hold a Children's Service in the Peak Church on Sunday, 22nd inst., at 4.30 p.m. Hymns, Nos. 203, 211, 207, and 210.

The authorities at Anping (reports a Tokio telegram dated 11th May) have been officially informed that on account of the outbreak of the bubonic plague at the port, transports will cease to call there until further notice.

MONDAY, the 25th inst., being Whit Monday, the Post Office will be closed except from 8 to 9 a.m. Correspondence for the Peak and Kowloon may be posted up to 9 a.m. The night box will be left open. The money order office will be entirely closed.

It is expected by the Mainichi that the N.Y.K. will accept the proposition of the P. & G. M.M., N.D.L., and Austrian Lloyd's Companies to adopt a uniform scale of freight charges. Surely the Mainichi has got astray here. So far as we are aware the freight rates of the various mail companies are not uniform. Perhaps the Mainichi means that there is a prospect of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha joining the Shipping Conference, which is more likely.

A ROBBERY was committed in broad daylight yesterday at Kowloon, and from the depredation it appears to be the work of part of the armed gang who have been carrying on operations in the Colony for some time past. About twelve o'clock noon two men entered the house of the man in charge of the pumping machinery at Cosmopolitan Dock, and tied the occupant's wife by the hands and feet. They then forced paper and cotton waste into her mouth, to prevent her crying out. The robbers then pulled off her rattan bangles, which were mounted with gold, and a gold finger-ring valued at \$20, and left the premises. The woman was found in this condition by her husband. Her face was terribly torn and scratched by the men in their efforts to gag her. Information was at once lodged with the Police at Yau Ma Tei, and Inspector Butlin, three hours after the robbery, recovered the stolen articles in a pawn-broker's shop at Yau Ma Tei. Late last night a man was arrested at Yau Ma Tei by two Chinese detectives and was identified by the pawn-broker as the man who had pawned the articles. The man was not identified by the woman as one of the robbers. This man was charged before Commander Hastings at the Magistrate's day with being in the unlawful possession of stolen property. The case was remanded to enable the Police to obtain fuller evidence.

A few days ago, we published an extended account of the sinking of the ship *Blairmore* in San Francisco Harbour. It will be remembered that the vessel was capsized by a cyclonic gust of wind, and that an attempt was made to rescue certain members of the crew who were imprisoned in the overturned vessel by cutting a hole in its side. The men who attempted to effect the rescue are now sued for causing the vessel to sink. The point raised is surely a novel one. It is discussed as follows by the San Francisco Chronicle:—The defence made by James Dickie, of the Union Iron Works, from the charge that he sunk the *Blairmore* by cutting a hole in her hull after the vessel had capsized, will strike impartial persons as a strong one. Mr Dickie points out that it was his duty to do all that he could to save the lives of the imprisoned seamen, whence arises the question, and that the only chance to aid them was the one which he took. If it was a desperate chance that was the misfortune of the *Blairmore*'s victims and not Mr Dickie's fault. When the hole was cut the ship was resting on the mud and could not have been towed into shallow water. She did not then sink, for she had done that an hour before. Indeed, after the hull had been opened the vessel only settled from nine to twelve inches in the course of seven hours, and she shows her keel now at low tide two feet above the surface. That the imprisoned seamen, either from bad air or the upward rush of water, was to have been expected, but there was a chance of saving at least one unfortunate, and this is what Mr Dickie took.

W. H. WALLACE.

KUO-CHUAN.

INTERESTING POINT FOR HOTEL CULTURISTS.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, 19th May, 1896.

Sir.—Will you kindly allow me to ask through the columns of your valuable newspaper the following questions upon which some of your numerous readers will doubtless be able to throw some light?—

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CORRESPONDENCE

NAVAL STRENGTH IN THE FAR EAST.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, May 26, 1896.

Sir.—I have not seen the table published by 'T. I. S.' in the *Daily Press*. Nor shall I have read his letter of last night, till the trouble to read it. I did not compare 18 English ships with 17 Russian ships *en bloc*.

Neither would a naval contest be the carefully rehearsed spectacle he would evidently have us imagine. His comparison of two squadrons, one English, the other Gallo-Muscovite is maybe satisfactory to himself. That his comparison is a flattering untruth which our foes may comfortably lay to their souls I stout. The monster *Jurik* (*vide* a northern paper) may be put on the shelf at once. The *Alger* and *Ily*—provided their British opponents promise not to dash those top-heavy triple tops down on deck, and also to allow those top-heavy, bottle-nosed mounstions of naval architecture (save the mark!) a respite during turning evolutions,—might be dangerous. Maybe too, the English Admiral will not take 'T. I. S.'s nine (and mine) as his first squadron. If he should where are the nine to match them. In the imagination of 'T. I. S.' perhaps, not even before since the days of world-wide communication began.

Dr Mackay is widely known as a zealous and an enthusiastic Missionary of the Canadian Presbyterian Church, but his voluminous labours in its numerous chapters on geology, trees, plants and flowers, animal and ethnology, that he is also to some extent a scientific observer as well.

The details given in the sections devoted to the 'Conquered Aborigines,' and 'The Mountain Savages' are largely new, and no doubt absolutely trustworthy. Certainly few foreigners who have ever made their home in the inhospitable climate of a 'Beautiful Iah' have a better equipment for a discussion either of the dialectics or the prognosis of the races of Formosa.

The sixteen illustrations give a vivid idea of the nature of Formosan surroundings. There is a map of the whole Island; another of the northern part showing the Canadian Mission Stations and two others devoted respectively to the geology and the botany of Formosa.

To many readers the scientific details will appear the most valuable part of this work, while there are others who will, as we think rightly, consider them of much less importance than the simple straightforward tale of a wonderful moral revolution which has been silently going on in the Island, both north and south, mainly within the past twenty years. The narrative of these changes is so surprising, that it would be no strange if many readers should consider it to have been too highly coloured, as far as the moral changes of the last act. Now our ships are faster, the nine of course, than gunners heavier, some 9 tons average, to 6 or 7 tons for the Gallo-Muscovite group, and the quick-fier preponderance is overwhelming.

With speed in mind, and a long range action they don't count. 'Is the old story of the Armada again? I quite agree with 'T. I. S.' that it is best to 'order deeper an enemy.' We want two more *Centurions*, three or four *Edwards* and half a dozen 'destroyers' added to the China Naval command. We have no margin after one well-fought action, and we ought to have a big margin to keep an eye on friendly enemies.—Yours,

REVIEWS.

FROM FAR FORMOSA, THE ISLAND, ITS PEOPLE AND MISSIONS, by George Leslie Mackay, D.D., twenty-three years a Missionary in Formosa. Edited by the Rev. J. A. Macdonald, with portraits, illustrations and maps. Fleming H. Revell Company, New York, Chicago, Toronto, pp. 330.

This volume of alliterative title, is an important contribution to the comparative history of the Island which it so carefully describes. A large portion is occupied with an account of the Island itself, and of its highly conglomerate people, of whom by most residents of the Far East very little is commonly heard. The important position which Formosa held in the recent war, and the occupation of its fertile territories by the conquering Japanese, have attracted attention—*it was never before since the days of world-wide communication began.*

No railways have gone into operation as the result of Russian concessions. Besides these business enterprises, certain extensive swindles called the Anglo-Asiatic Syndicate and the Persian Lottery Company, were floated on the English public, and brought large profits to their promoters. But the gem of all the concessions was that called the Imperial Tobacco Corporation, by which the entire purchase, sale and export of the tobacco of Persia was granted as a monopoly. The concessionary sold his rights to a company chartered by Parliament under the title of the Imperial Tobacco Corporation. It was proclaimed in London, Apr. 1891, and its plans stated in a mass meeting of Tehran merchants under the direction of the Minister of Commerce. The salaries paid were unprecedentedly high, and those who left themselves employed in the distribution had to crystallize an opposition. Their way was that the price of tobacco would be raised, and that the tobacco itself would be denied by passing through the hands of individuals—thus making an appeal to two of the most powerful passions of human nature. Advantage was taken of the general ferment to circulate anonymous petitions calling for such mild reforms as that of the franchises, the abolition of polygamy, religious freedom, and a representative system. The Persian Minister to England sent a telegram denouncing the *Primo Ministro*, and was rewarded by being summoned to the Foreign Office, and his name was added to the list of names of those who had been exiled.

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NAVY LEAGUER.

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, 21st May, 1896.

Sir.—I would be much obliged if some of your military readers would enlighten me on the following point. An officer on entering the Army Medical Staff is given the rank of Surgeon-Lieutenant and later on that of Surgeon-Captain. There are also some officers in the Medical Staff, whose actual duty is superintending the supply and issue of Hospital stores. These latter are styled Official Lieutenant and Captain, without the apparently obnoxious prefix of 'Surgeon.' Is this not an anomaly, as in the official Army List, I see they are all borne on the strength of the same Department? Why should not this privilege be extended to all officers of that Department?—Yours,

A PUZZLED CIVILIAN.

CHINESE CUSTOMS IN HONGKONG.

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To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Amoy, 19th May, 1896.

Sir.—Referring to the enclosed cutting from your issue of the 14th reading as follows:—

A knowledge of one simple law of Nature, says a scientific writer in a home paper, may save the flower-grower days and weeks of fruitless and unavailing labour in attempting to make that famous chimera of the botanist—the blue rose.

The law is, that three colours, red, blue, and yellow, never all appear in the same species of flowers; any two may exist, but never the third. Thus we have red and yellow roses, but no blue; red and blue verbenas, but no yellow; yellow and blue in the various members of the violet family, but no red. Other examples of this rigid law could be cited, but the above are sufficient.

The botanist or horticulturist who really understands his business never attempts to produce a blue rose or a red violet.

An exception to the rigid (I) rule at once occurs to me.—The *Hyacinth*—in which we have blue, red, and yellow forms. The family of bulbous plants called *Brodiea* furnishes another. Brodies, coccine and B. volubilis, being duly for red; *Brodia* grandiflora and *B. laxa* for blue; and *Brodia* Hendersonii and *B. glauca* for yellow. The family of Geraniaceae (Iris, *Iris Germanica*) also furnishes an example—the type being blue, and there are also yellow and claret-coloured forms, though perhaps it is stretching a point to call claret, 'red.' Doubtless there are many other exceptions which do not really occur to me, as I write from memory, and almost without books of reference.—Yours,

W. H. WALLACE.

2. Sir.—Since writing the above it occurred to me that the orbid family would surely furnish examples refuting the above law. I turn to my Manual, and almost the first family I come to, is the Dicotyledoneae, giving me the type I seek.—*Dicella grandiflora*, brilliant scarlet; *Dicella chrysostoma*, golden yellow; *Dicella longiflora*, blue; *Dicella Dracunculus*, white and dark blue.

W. H. W.

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REVIEWS.

mining of copper was successfully begun. In two places indications of mercury were found, of which bottles were collected and thus the stock stimulated. After two seasons spent in prospecting, the field was abandoned, the Company went into liquidation, and on returning to England the engineer was sentenced to imprisonment for false pretences. Work was begun on the highway from Shuster to Isphahan, but difficulties not anticipated and the opposition of the inhabitants retarded it, navigation of the Karun was rendered unsafe by the tribes along the banks shooting at the sailors as at a target,—these tribes apparently being 'blood brothers' of the monkeys on the Upper Yang-tze, who were affirmed to be dangerous to the steam-boats proposed for that stream. The project for a Wagon-road from Trebizond never passed the initial stage. French engineers spent some time in Tabriz, the guests of the Foreign Agent; but later he turned the foreigners to the Molla, to read prayers to purify it from the pollution of the French drunkenness. No railways have gone into operation as the result of Russian concessions.

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This appears to the Board that between the 14th and 15th inst., Mr Danby obtained information which caused him to retain the services of a police officer to retain the one at the examination of Police Sergeant McCauley.

THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE SANITARY BOARD.

A REPLY FROM THE BOARD.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday it was resolved to send the following letter in reply to the letter from the Colonial Secretary enclosing a letter which appeared in our columns from Mr W. Danby in regard to the cleansing of the City:

Sir.—I am glad to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 775 of the 15th inst. enclosing a letter that appeared in the *China Mail*, under the heading 'Cleaning of the City,' dated the 14th May, and over the signature of Police Sergeant McCauley.

This letter purports to advert to the arrangements for the Sanitary Board, and was found to be really a ceiling.

Mr Danby quoted from the letter respecting the statement of Mr McCauley that the cocklofts removed were illegal.

The President—Mr Danby first observed that his object in writing to the public press in this matter was the fact that the people are not being treated fairly and the paragraph to which you have just referred tends to support that by stating that he, in his letter to the Board, said that the plain statement of facts which have been made to the Board is that the goods and merchandise of the Chinese merchants and shopkeepers should be handled with a little more care and also that some reasonable time should be given to remove their own goods themselves should they wish to do so.

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The President—He refers to the Sanitary Board during the last few months, owing to the unfortunate reappearance of the bubonic plague, and at which one time threatened to assume alarming proportions, have been mainly directed against the state of fifth class that was found to exist in many houses in the city and the obstructions of windows and ventilating openings preventing the free access of air and light into the dwellings.

The Board were convinced that the prompt adoption and prosecution of measures to remedy this state of affairs were the only practical means of arresting the progress of the disease, and the material reduction in the number of cases recently occurring in the city certainly tends to strengthen such conviction.

Mr Danby's operations were confined to the neighbourhoods affected by the bubonic plague and within the limits defined by the Board under by-law No. 22, Ordinance 15 of 1894, and no steps, as far as the Board is aware, have been taken by its officers other than those necessary to thoroughly cleanse and disinfect premises found in a dirty or insanitary condition.

Proceeding to the alleged facts contained in Mr Danby's letter, Policeman No. 103 denies that on the afternoon of the 8th inst. he gave verbal notice to the owners of large houses in Bonham Strand that the whitewashing brigade with its irresponsible contingent of soldiers and coolies were coming round next morning at 7.30 a.m. to pull down their cocklofts, &c. Mr Danby fails to give the number of premises occupied by his cohort, so that further particular enquiry, as to whether the cocklofts were indeed illegal, is not practicable.

The soldiers declared that they would obey the orders of the Mollas rather than their general Placards were posted urging to a 'Holy War' to exterminate the Europeans.

The Shah recognized the wisdom of yielding to the popular demand, and abolished the monopoly for the export trade. But no half-measures would satisfy the excited populace. A mob surrounded the Palace of the Shah, and the residence of the Minister of War, and demanded the entire monopoly, with the expulsion of the agents from the country. The Shah was so alarmed that he fled to Persia.

Insurances.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1895,
£11,671,018 2s 2d.
Authorised Capital £10,000,000.00
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Paid-up Capital £2,067,500.00
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Revenue Fire Branch £1,640,550 18.73

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Hongkong, April 28, 1896. 892

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THE MANAGER,
New Victoria Hotel.
Hongkong, April 4, 1896. 725

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Shipping.

Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.
The Co.'s Steamship
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will be despatched as
above TO MORROW, the 23rd Instant,
at Daylight.

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Agents.

Hongkong, May 22, 1896. 905

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
Peiyang,
Capt. Th. Lehmann, will
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above Port on SATURDAY, the 23rd Inst.,
at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, May 21, 1896. 1051

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamship
Generalda,
Captain TAYLER, will be
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Port on SATURDAY, the 23rd Instant, at
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SHEWAN & CO.,
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The Co.'s Steamship
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Hongkong, February 18, 1896. 888

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Kobe, Inland Sea, TUESDAY, June 16,
Yokohama and Honolulu at noon.

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Kobe, Inland Sea, SATURDAY, July 4,
Yokohama and Honolulu at noon.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Braemar 3,601 | Friday ... | June 5.

Tacoma 2,549 | Tuesday ... | June 23.

Victoria 3,167 | Saturday ... | July 11.

Olympia 2,608 | Wednesday ... | July 23.

Braemar 3,601 | Sunday ... | Aug. 16.

Tacoma 2,549 | Thursday ... | Sept. 3.

THE Steamship GABLU will be
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Ad NAGASAKI, KORE, INLAND SEA,
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Hongkong, May 14, 1896. 1003

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Hongkong, May 21, 1896. 1020

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Hongkong, May 15, 1896. 902

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Captain PUDBY, will be
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Do. (new issue).....	20,000	\$	1	27.10
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